

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY FIRE INVESTIGATION TASK FORCE

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

A meeting of the General Membership of the Brown County Fire Investigation Task Force was held on Thursday, March 8, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., at Suamico Fire Station #2, 2323 Northwood Rd., Suamico, WI.

Present: Tyler Jonet, Greg Dougherty, Joe Bertler, Tom Hendricks, Greg Steenbock, Kim Ward, Gregg Staszak, Joe Gabe, Eric Johnson, Matthew Omdahl, Angie Cali, Cody Johnson, Jeff Janiak, Joe Patenaude

### Item #1. Adoption of Agenda

Motion was made by Steenbock and seconded by Hendricks to adopt the agenda. **Motion carried.**

### Item #2. Review Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion was made by Gabe and seconded by Dougherty to approve the minutes from the previous meeting on December 7, 2017. **Motion carried.**

### Item #3. Report of Task Force Activities

The Task Force was called out to the following fires since the last meeting:

12-28-17 1732 Keehan Ln., Bellevue (residence/undetermined)  
01-19-18 6081 CTH B, Pittsfield (fatal/residence/undetermined)  
01-21-18 4157 Shirley Rd., Denmark (semi-truck/undetermined)  
02-15-18 2978 Tordeur Ln., Bellevue (call-out cancelled/residence/cigarette butt)

Patenaude noted that per Kevin Heimerl from DCI, only the fire chief of the fire's jurisdiction can have a special inspection warrant signed by a judge, not just a member of the Task Force, and that no return of search warrant is needed. There was also discussion regarding issues with the medical examiners from the Dane County ME's Office.

Patenaude stated the issue with pages and call-outs has been addressed with the Comm. Center. He pointed out that he was forced off the road while on duty to respond to the last three fires, so it is still an issue with getting members to respond.

### Item #4. Old Business

#### 1. BCFITF Bylaws Review

There were no questions about the bylaws. Patenaude will email everyone the most recent version.

2. Board of Directors December Meeting

The Sheriff's Office is purchasing a FARO 3D camera that can be used for fire scenes but will be used mainly for accident reconstruction. Patenaude and Dhuey from the Task Force will be trained on it. Discussion about an on-call system similar to HazMat's was tabled until the next meeting.

Item #5. New Business

1. Resignation of Steve Zich

Patenaude stated Zich has resigned from the Task Force. Gabe announced that he is also resigning, so there is now an investigator opening. Patenaude noted there are six Green Bay Police Department officers on the Task Force who have not responded to any fires. He will ask the Board of Directors about replacing them.

2. Attendance Rosters

Patenaude had an attendance roster available for review to show everyone's call-out and training participation.

3. Spring Conference

Patenaude reminded that the spring conference is June 5-7, 2018, in Stevens Point. You will need to reserve your room and pay fee through your department who can then send a bill to Barb Peters at the Sheriff's Office for reimbursement.

4. FIT Recertification

The three-year FIT recertification is coming due for some members. Don't let it expire, or you'll need to retest.

Item #6. New Business.

Patenaude will check into Tyvek suits for the Task Force.

Item #7. Juvenile Firesetter Business.

No JFS business to discuss.

Item #8. Other Business.

Patenaude will check on the business cards, which should be in. He will be getting a credit card to purchase Gatorade/water for the rig.

Item #9. Set Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting.

The next meeting was set for Thursday, May 31, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at Green Bay Fire Station #4, 2650 West Point Road, Green Bay, WI.

Motion was made by Gabe and seconded by Dougherty to adjourn the business portion of the meeting. **Motion carried.**

Item #10. Training.

FIT training followed the business portion of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Laurent  
Recording Secretary